

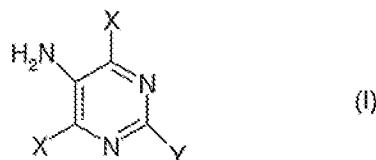
In the Claims:

The current status of all claims is listed below and supersedes all previous lists of claims.

Please cancel claims 1, 3-5, and 7-20 without prejudice to their presentation in another application, and add new claims 21-24 as follows:

1-20. (canceled).

21. (new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I):



wherein:

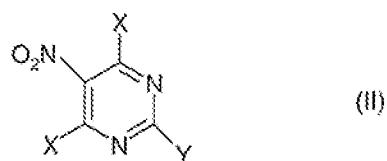
X is chloro;

Y is ZR¹;

Z is sulphur; and

R¹ is n-propyl;

the process comprising hydrogenating a compound of formula (II):



in a solvent comprising an ether, at a pressure of 2 to 4 bar, a temperature in the range 20°C to 40°C, and in the presence of a Pt/V/C catalyst.

22. (new) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the Pt/V/C catalyst comprises about 3% Pt and 0.6% V.

23. (new) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the solvent is *tert*-butyl methyl ether.

24. (new) A process as claimed in claim 2 wherein the solvent is *tert*-butyl methyl ether.